#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

# **Consumer Sentinel Complaint Figures**

January 1 - December 31, 2006

## **Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Consumer Complaints = 24,322**



### Fraud Complaints from Pennsylvania Consumers = 16,242

Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Pennsylvania Consumers

Rank	x Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage <sup>1</sup>
1	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	2,318	14%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,936	12%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	1,437	9%
4	Internet Auctions	1,298	8%
5	Foreign Money Offers	682	4%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Pennsylvania consumers (16,242).

#### Amount Paid Reported by Pennsylvania Consumers

Total No. of	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>Percentage of Complaints</b>	Average
Complaints	Paid Reported	Reporting Amt Pd	Reporting Amount Paid	Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
16,242	\$25,768,463	13.982	86%	\$1,843

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Pennsylvania consumers (13,982). Four consumers reported an amount paid of \$1 million or more.



# **Identity Theft Complaints from Pennsylvania Victims = 8,080**

### Identity Theft Types Reported by Pennsylvania Victims

Rank	<b>Identity Theft Type</b>	Complaints	Percentage <sup>1</sup>
1	Credit Card Fraud	2,467	31%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	1,367	17%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	1,143	14%
4	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	806	10%
5	Employment-Related Fraud	594	7%
6	Loan Fraud	420	5%
	Other	2,029	25%
	Attempted Identity Theft	597	7%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 8,080 victims reporting from Pennsylvania. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 18% of victims from Pennsylvania reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.